

Remarks

Claims 1-8, 10, 13, 14, 24, 26, and 28-30 are pending and have been examined on the merits. Claims 9, 11, 12, 15-23, 25, 27, and 31-36 are canceled.

Objections

Applicants urge that the present amendments in light of the Petition Decision dated December 30, 2004 render the outstanding objections moot. The last sentence of the second paragraph of the second page of the Petition Decision states as follows. “In a consequence thereof Unity is lacking between a non-heterocyclic A ring and an A ring with an N atom or **an A ring with either an S or O atom (S and O being considered general equivalents).**” (Emphasis added). Therefore, applicants understand that restriction between the S and O atom of the five-membered ring has been deemed improper by the Petition Decision and the outstanding objection should be withdrawn.

For the reasons above, applicants believe the present claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit notice to this effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative with respect to any issues concerning this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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